

**DEDHAM BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**JUNE 21, 2011**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**DR. MICHAEL O'LEARY CHAIRMAN**  
**MARY ELLARD VICE CHAIRMAN**  
**LEANNE JASSET MEMBER**  
**CATHY CARDINALE, HEALTH DIRECTOR**  
**JOAN CONWAY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

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The meeting was called to order by Dr. O' Leary at 6p.m. The first order of business was to accept the minutes of May 24, 2011. Mary motioned to accept the minutes Leanne seconded all in favor aye opposed none. So Voted:

Dr. O'Leary    yes  
Mary Ellard    yes  
Leanne Jasset yes

Cathy began by saying that the supply of vaccine will be cut by at least 50% if not more to all cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The budget was cut by two million dollars. This was probably due to the unused amount of vaccine that was returned to the state and the fact that flu shots are available at so many places. The town can only use the State supplied vaccine on un-insured or under-insured. So if someone comes in with Medicare we cannot give them a flu shot. These people can get the shot at their primary care doctor's office. The only way around this is for us to order our own supply of vaccine. Then we can do as we wish. We can bill Medicare. So if we order 250 doses it would cost us about \$2,000. I will use the Medical Revolving fund to pay for the vaccine. We can give this to anyone we want. We will bill the insurance companies. We had about 700 people last year. If we order the vaccine we will get it early and advertise that we have the vaccine and get people in here early. I may lower the State supply of vaccine because we may not have people to take that vaccine. Leanne asked if this is new this year un-insured and under-insured. Cathy said yes. Leanne asked if someone came in and we asked if they have insurance and if they say yes even if they offer to pay for the shot we cannot give it to them. We cannot use the State supplied vaccine to immunize them. We would have to use the vaccine that we order privately. Dr O' Leary asked if the 250 doses would be enough and what do we stand to lose? Mary felt we would lose if we didn't get the privately funded vaccine because a lot of the seniors who come it is a convenience for them they don't mind filling out the Medicare form they would have to fill it out at their doctors office but they wouldn't have to go into Boston or Needham to the doctor's office. Mary felt we needed to look at the number of people we billed Medicare for last year and that would give us an indication of how much vaccine to order. Leanne asked how we would define under-insured. Cathy felt if they went to their doctor and he charged them \$50. If they don't have coverage Dr. O'Leary asked if Medicaid paid for flu vaccine. Medicaid is Mass Health that is the under-insured. If Medicaid pays for the vaccine then we don't need the 250 doses of vaccine. Cathy said that Medicare is who we do all our business with. Dr. O'Leary said Medicaid may cover it as well and we need to find out.

Leanne asked if there was co-pay at the doctors if they are Medicare. Mary said it says billing of the doses of administration cost of the vaccine can be billed to the insurance companies or billed to the client and that is historically what we have done. We will not order it from the State. Cathy felt that is what this will come down to the State will no longer supply vaccine and we will purchase it on our own. Mary said we need to look at our history get an average number of how many injections we gave out and just order that amount. Cathy said the latest we could order our supply would be late July early August. Depending on the supply of the manufacture we could order more vaccine if needed.

With no further business to discuss Mary motioned to adjourn Leanne seconded Dr. O' Leary asked all in favor aye opposed none. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm so voted:

Mary Ellard	yes
Leanne Jasset	yes
Dr .O' Leary	yes

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Dr. Michael P. O'Leary, Chairman